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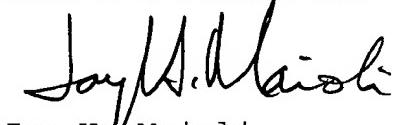
Attached hereto is a version with markings to show changes made to the abstract and claims by the current amendment.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this Preliminary Amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Abstract has been amended as follows:

A [DTV] digital television (DTV) operating screen is displayed on the [CRT] cathode ray tube (CRT) display screen of a [digital television (DTV)] DTV which is the controlling apparatus of a network. In the event that the user selects the [DVHS] digital video home system (DVHS) from the buttons displayed on the DTV operating screen, data corresponding to the DVHS operation screen is input to the DTV, and a DVHS operation screen is displayed on the CRT display screen 61. The user operation instructions executed regarding the DVHS operation screen are notified from the digital television DTV to the DVHS, so the DTV can execute control corresponding to the operations of the user, without transmitting commands for directly controlling the DVHS.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 have been amended as follows.

--1. (Amended) An information processing apparatus which is connected to a network with other information processing apparatuses, and which controls itself [or] and other information processing apparatuses via said network, said apparatus comprising:

first display control means for controlling [the] a display of a first control screen for controlling said other information processing apparatuses connected to said network [from itself];

receiving means for receiving, from a selected information processing apparatus via said network, second control screen data for controlling at least said selected information processing apparatus, in the event that [a predetermined] the selected information processing apparatus is selected from said other information processing apparatuses, [based on] from said first control screen;

second display control means for controlling display of said second control screen data received by said receiving means; and

output means for outputting signals [corresponding to input] as inputs to said selected information processing apparatus, in

the event that predetermined instructions are input [, based] on said second control screen.

--2. (Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus which is connected to a network with other information processing apparatuses, and which controls itself [or] and other information processing apparatuses via said network, said method comprising the steps of:

a first display control step for controlling [the] a display of a first control screen for controlling said other information processing apparatuses connected to said network [from itself];

a receiving step for receiving, from a selected information processing apparatus via said network, second control screen data for controlling at least said selected information processing apparatus, in the event that [a predetermined] the selected information processing apparatus is selected from said other information processing apparatuses, [based on] from said first control screen;

a second display control step for controlling display of said second control screen data received [by the processing of] in said receiving step; and

an output step for outputting signals [corresponding to

input] as inputs to said selected information processing apparatus, in the event that predetermined instructions are input [, based] on said second control screen.

--3. (Amended) A recording medium recording a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus which is connected to a network with other information processing apparatuses, and which controls itself [or] and other information processing apparatuses via said network, said computer-readable program comprising:

a first display control step for controlling [the] a display of a first control screen for controlling said other information processing apparatuses connected to said network [from itself];

a receiving step for receiving, from a selected information processing apparatus via said network, second control screen data for controlling at least said selected information processing apparatus, in the event that [a predetermined] the selected information processing apparatus is selected from said other information processing apparatuses, [based on] from said first control screen;

a second display control step for controlling a display of said second control screen data received [by the processing of]

in said receiving step; and

an output step for outputting signals [corresponding to] as an input to said selected information processing apparatus, in the event that predetermined instructions are input [, based] on said second control screen.

--4. (Amended) An information processing apparatus which is connected to a network with other information processing apparatuses, and which is controlled by said other information processing apparatuses via said network, said apparatus comprising:

output means for outputting control screen data for controlling itself to said other information processing apparatuses via said network;

receiving means for receiving input signals [corresponding to input] from said other information processing apparatuses via said network, in the event that predetermined instructions are input [based] on a [said] control screen[,] at said other information processing apparatuses; and

executing means for executing processing corresponding to the input signals received by said receiving means.

--5. (Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus which is connected to a network with other information processing apparatuses, and which is controlled by said other information processing apparatuses via said network, said method comprising:

an output step for outputting control screen data for controlling itself to said other information processing apparatuses via said network;

a receiving step for receiving input signals [corresponding to input] from said other information processing apparatuses via said network, in the event that predetermined instructions are input [based] on [said] a control screen[,] at said other information processing apparatuses; and

an executing step for executing processing corresponding to the input signals received by the processing of said receiving step.

--6. (Amended) A recording medium recording a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus which is connected to a network with other information processing apparatuses, and which is controlled by said other information processing apparatuses via said network, said program comprising:

an output step for outputting control screen data for controlling itself to said other information processing apparatuses via said network;

a receiving step for receiving input signals [corresponding to input] from said other information processing apparatuses via said network, in the event that predetermined instructions are input [based] on [said] a control screen[,] at said other information processing apparatuses; and

an executing step for executing processing corresponding to the input signals received by the [processing of said] receiving step.

--7. (Amended) An information processing system which connects at least a first information processing apparatus and a second information processing apparatus with a network, and performs information processing;

said first information processing apparatus comprising:

first display control means for controlling [the] a display of a first control screen for controlling [said] other information processing apparatuses, including said second information processing apparatus, connected to said network [from itself];

receiving means for receiving, from said second information processing apparatus via said network, second control screen data for controlling at least said second information processing apparatus, in the event that said second information processing apparatus is selected from said other information processing apparatuses[, based] on said first control screen;

second display control means for controlling display of said second control screen data received by said receiving means, and output means for outputting signals [corresponding to input] as inputs to said second information processing apparatus, in the event that predetermined instructions are input[, based] on said second control screen; and

said second information processing apparatus comprising:  
output means for outputting the second control screen data for controlling itself to said first information processing apparatuses via said network;

receiving means for receiving input signals [corresponding to input] from said first information processing apparatuses via said network, in the event that predetermined instructions are input [based] on [said] a second control screen[,] at said first information processing apparatus; and

executing means for executing processing corresponding to

the input signals received by said receiving means.

--8. (Amended) [An] The information processing system according to Claim 7, wherein said network is a network using an IEEE1394 serial bus.--